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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 27, 2007, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1, 2, 4-17, 19, 20, 22-31, 33-39 and 43-49 are now pending in this Application. Claims 1, 2, 4-13, 19, 20, 22-31, 37-39 and 43-49 have been indicated as being in condition for allowance. Claims 1, 14, 19, 32, 37 and 38 are independent claims and the remaining claims are dependent claims. In this Amendment, claims 14 and 19 have been amended and claims 18 and 36 have been cancelled.. Applicants believe that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this affect is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-13, 19, 20, 22-31, 37-39 and 43-49 have been indicated as being in condition for allowance and claims 18 and 36 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 14 and 32 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 18 and 36 respectively, and claims 18 and 36 have been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 14 and 32 are now allowable with claims 1, 2, 4-13, 19, 20, 22-31, 37-39 and 43-49. Claims 15-17 and 33-35 depend from claims 14 or 32 and are allowable as they depend from a base claim which his allowable.

In view of the above, the Examiner's rejections and objections have been overcome placing the pending claims in condition for allowance and reconsideration and allowance hereof is respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

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If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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